ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a method and apparatus in which one or more data streams are sent to a computer and the data streams are sorted using a rule base into streams representative of events. The incoming data streams can be sent by hunter agents which search for specified types of data and forward the data to the computer. The incoming data stream

5　　can also be sent by a gatherer agent. The incoming data stream can also be incoming message traffic such as e-mail and other types of message traffic data. The incoming message traffic data is then sorted into event streams and can be displayed as event streams on a time line. Actions can be taken based upon specified events. Thus, events from disjointed sources can be sorted and displayed in a unified manner in which a user

10　　can readily and quickly know which events have occurred for a particular issue, such as a forest fire, hospital patient, etc.